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'Glaring gap' in health funding for addictions treatment

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

The Vancouver Police Department is calling — urgently — for more treatment options, including opioid replacement therapies such as prescription heroin, as a deadly overdose crisis continues to kill more than 100 people every month in British Columbia.

In a report published May 24, the VPD says there are major gaps in health funding for addictions treatment, and it's taking a huge toll on police officers, other frontline workers and the communities affected. A huge problem for police is being unable to immediately connect people with treatment options after an overdose.

The report notes that the VPD has adopted the four pillars strategy for substance abuse: prevention, harm reduction, enforcement and treatment.

While areas such as harm reduction are relatively well-funded, "limited implementation and lack of funding and availability have resulted in treatment being one of the least supported of the pillars."

The report identifies a number of gaps in the system: there are not enough recovery beds or spots in treatment programs for police officers to immediately refer someone to a program.

Opioid replacement treatment programs at "innovative" clinics like Crosstown Clinic (the first clinic in North America to offer prescription heroin) aren't nearly big enough to meet the need, and the provincial and federal government support needed to expand those services has so far not been forthcoming.

There's also a "glaring gap" in information when it comes to addiction care and tracking wait lists, leading to patients being discharged without being linked to ongoing treatment.

"Research has provided evidence-based options for treatment that reduce overdose deaths," the report concludes. "However, without sufficient access to treatment on demand, these options cannot be implemented."

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"Vent du Nord," a painting by late Quebec artist Jean Paul Riopelle, sold for $7.4 million.

Dos and don'ts of wild encounters

Some interaction between people and wildlife is inevitable in B.C., but as a recent incident between a sea lion and young girl in Steveston shows, getting too close to wild animals can result in some terrifying situations. Metro spoke with wildlife experts from the B.C. Conservation Service, the Vancouver Aquarium and the Stanley Park Ecological Society about what people should and should not do if they encounter these four animals found in B.C. WANYEE LI METRO

JEFF MCDONALD/METRO

1 Bears

The B.C. Conservation Officer Service can get as many as 5,000 calls about black bear encounters a month during the late summer months, according to its website.
Don't run or climb a tree; don't make eye contact with the bear
Don't scream
Do go indoors without turning your back on the bear
Do move slowly
Do use pepper spray if the bear gets too close
SOURCE: B.C. CONSERVATION SERVICE

2 Cougars

Cougars seem attracted to children due to their size and high-pitched voices. Experts recommend parents teach children what to do if they see a cougar.
Don't run
Don't make sudden movements
Do maintain eye contact if the cougar shows interest in you
Do show teeth and make loud noises
Do back away slowly
SOURCE: B.C. CONSERVATION SERVICE

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Please, no feeding

Often, animals are attracted to humans because people are feeding them or have fed them in the past, according to wildlife experts, who warn that feeding dangerous wildlife is illegal and can cause animals to feel comfortable around humans, leading to more conflict between people and animals.

People can call the B.C. Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277 to report someone feeding or intentionally attracting wildlife.

3 Sea lions

Despite their big eyes and dog-like faces, sea lions are wild animals that are opportunistic predators and will try to eat anything it can get its mouth on, according to the Vancouver Aquarium.
Don't hang your hands over the water near the sea lion
Don't call or talk to the sea lion
Do keep your distance
SOURCE: VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

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4 Coyotes

Coyotes are generally shy but if they get too close to humans, it is important that people haze them to ensure they maintain their fear of people, says the Stanley Park Ecological Society. There have been 23 reported coyote sightings in Metro Vancouver in May so far and two instances where coyotes killed a pet.
Don't run away
Don't let dogs off leash
Do yell and gesture wildly with arms to scare the coyote
Do throw objects like rocks at the coyote
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CHINATOWN

Passionate residents oppose condo project

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Emotions flared at a public hearing for a Chinatown redevelopment where council heard from 35 of 210 speakers on a rezoning application for a 12-storey condo at 105 Keefer St., beside a Chinese-Canadian memorial.

Tuesday's public hearing is scheduled to reconvene Thursday night and will likely go on for several more days due to the large number of speakers.

Some opponents to the project, like Jessica Chiu, want the city to dedicate 105 Keefer St. to the Chinatown community by creating housing that is affordable for current residents and businesses that cater to them.

Many of Chinatown's grocery and herbal stores have shut down in recent years.

Armin Amrolia with BC Housing confirmed to council Tuesday that all 25 units will be rented out to seniors at the $700-per-month mark, well below the city's requirements for social housing.

But veteran activist Shirley Chan argued 25 social-housing units will do little to stop the tide of new housing and businesses that "lack any meaningful link to Chinatown."

"105 Keefer is really situated at a hyper sensitive corner — a gateway to Chinatown from the south, a memorial honouring fallen soldiers of Chinese descent and railway workers, including my great grandfather."

Ryan Beedie, president of Beedie Living, defended his company's proposal, highlighting the company's willingness to go through a four-year application and consultation process in order to build a condo at 105 Keefer St.

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Premier Christy Clark attends a caucus meeting with Liberal MLAs at a hotel in Vancouver on May 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clark's Liberals hold minority government

POLITICS

Mere 1,566 votes separate Liberals, NDP provincewide

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

It's finally, really, official: British Columbia will have its first minority government in 65 years.

The province anxiously waited for three days as more than 170,000 absentee ballots were counted this week while the fate of the province hinged on a few ridings that were too close to call on election night, May 9.

In the end, it all came down to the Vancouver Island riding of Courtenay-Comox on Wednesday evening, where NDP candidate Ronna-Rae Leonard was confirmed the winner over Liberal candidate Jim Benninger by just 189 votes. Leonard received 10,886 votes to Benninger's 10,697.

43
Christy Clark's Liberals secured 43 seats, ensuring a minority government.

That means instead of maintaining her majority government, Premier Christy Clark's Liberals head into the next legislative session with a minority government of 43 seats, while the NDP has 41 seats.

In a release, Elections B.C. said there would be no automatic judicial recounts. Candidates still have six days to apply to the Supreme Court of B.C. for a judicial recount if they believe errors were made.

The final popular count showed just how close the election was, with the Liberals and NDP almost tied with 40.36 and 40.28 per cent of the vote respectively. In fact, provincewide, the difference between the two parties was a mere 1,566 votes.

In a statement Wednesday, the premier said her party had achieved a plurality in the legislature and a "responsibility to move forward and form a government."

B.C. NDP Leader John Horgan called the results a "coin toss" and said British Columbians have voted overwhelmingly for change.

Andrew Weaver's B.C. Green Party preserved its three seats from election night, giving the party the balance of power. The Greens received 16.84 per cent of the popular vote.

Both the Liberals and the NDP have been in negotiations with the Green Party this week, which has said it wants certain conditions met (such commitments on campaign financing and electoral reform) to prop up the province's next government.

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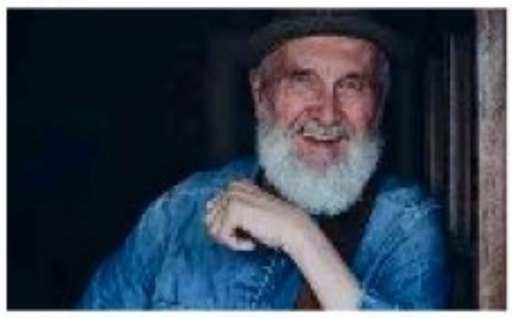

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The victims of the Manchester attack were mothers, fathers, and kids

The names of the 22 victims killed by a bomber at a Manchester concert on Monday night have not been officially released, but here what's known about them so far:

Michelle Kiss was a mother of three children, a loving wife, sister and daughter — and "family was her life," her loved ones say.

In a statement released to Manchester police, her family said: "She has been taken away from us and all that love her in the most traumatic way imaginable."

The Daily Mirror newspaper reported that Kiss attended Monday's concert with her daughter. Her daughter was reported to be safe and was photographed being hugged by a police officer.

An off-duty female police officer was among those killed at Manchester Arena in the bombing of the Ariana Grande concert.

Cheshire Police, the force she served with, confirmed her death on Wednesday. British media reported that she was with her husband and two children, and that all three others were injured in the bombing.

Teenager Nell Jones, who went to a school in the village of Holmes Chapel, south of Manchester, was described by a teacher as "a very popular girl, always smiling, always positive." Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School and Sixth Form College said police had confirmed Nell died at the scene of the bombing.

Teenager Olivia Campbell-Hardy, who went to a school near Manchester, was at the concert with a friend on Monday night.

Tottington High School in the town of Bury said the school community was "absolutely devastated and heartbroken" at the news Wednesday that Olivia was killed in the blast.

Her mother, Charlotte Campbell, who had been appealing online for news of Olivia, wrote in a Facebook post early Wednesday: "RIP my darling precious gorgeous girl."

Saffie Roussos, 8, is the youngest victim identified so far.

In a statement, the head teacher of the Tarleton Community Primary School that she attended in the village of Tarleton, Lancashire, described her as "simply a beautiful little girl in every aspect of the word."

A Polish couple who had come to collect their daughters from the concert in Manchester are among the dead, Poland's foreign minister said Wednesday.

Witold Waszczykowski said the daughters were unharmed. He did not give the couple's names but the daughter of Marcin and Angelika Klis has been searching for her parents since the explosion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manchester city council workers move the floral tributes from Albert Square to St. Ann's Square on Wednesday in Manchester, England. GETTY IMAGES

BRITAIN ON EDGE

Security forces rounded up more suspects Wednesday in the blast and soldiers fanned out to national landmarks as Britain tried to thwart the possibility of additional attacks.

- Officials scoured the background of the British-born ethnic Libyan identified as the bomber, Salman Abedi, saying he was likely part of a wider terrorist network. Additional arrests were made both in Britain and in Libya.
- Among those taken into custody in Libya were the suspect's father and his younger brother.

ECONOMY

Feds unveil plan for innovation

The federal government is calling on industry leaders from select sectors to propose "superclusters" of technological innovation that promise to create jobs and spur economic growth.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains kickstarted the national competition Wednesday for $950 million in seed money that will help set up these hubs of investment and research.

The idea is to establish not-for-profit consortiums of small and big businesses, academic researchers and other groups that will serve as nodes of investment and innovation for key sectors of the Canadian economy. Details on where, when and what exactly these "superclusters" will look like will depend on proposals that the government receives, Bains said Wednesday.

"I would summarize it in three words: Jobs, jobs, jobs," Bains told Torstar News Service.

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The government says the more arms-length process has been slowing things down. But there's little that's arm's length in the process described.

At this time last year, Madeleine Meilleur was a long-serving cabinet minister in the Liberal government of Kathleen Wynne. Over her 13 years at Queen's Park she held a number of portfolios under two premiers. Her initial time in the legislature coincided with the Ontario tenure of both of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's top aides Katie Telford and Gerald Butts.

When Meilleur left active politics last summer, she had her heart set on securing a Senate appointment. That was until it was made clear that Trudeau's more independent Senate was no place for a just-retired Liberal politician.

That is how she came to set her sights on the then-soon-to-be-vacant post of commissioner of official languages. She applied for it like anyone else. Before and during her years in politics, Meilleur had been a strong advocate for French-language rights. Earlier this month her name emerged as the prime minister's choice for the post. But that is not to say that the process that led to the decision was a blind one.

Meilleur says she had chats about her application with Telford and Butts along the way. And it was Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly — according to her spokesperson — who conducted the final interviews.

The official languages commissioner is one of eight agents of Parliament.

The auditor general is another, as is the chief electoral officer. They report to Parliament, not the prime minister.

The collective mission of these officers is to act as independent watchdogs in their designated areas of expertise.

The term "independent" is an operative word in their job definition, or at least it was until Meilleur's proposed nomination. That there is less than a degree of separation between Meilleur and Trudeau's Liberal government is not in question. That closeness is unique in the history of similar appointments.

Among the half dozen that served as languages commissioners since the post was created in 1970, only one, Victor Goldbloom, was ever active in electoral politics. The others hailed from academia, journalism or were career diplomats.

Goldbloom had served in the Quebec cabinet of Robert Bourassa. But the parallels with Meilleur stop there, for he left the National Assembly more than a decade prior to his federal appointment. In the interval, he had held a number of non-partisan positions. And while Goldbloom had been a provincial Liberal MNA, it was Tory prime minister Brian Mulroney who put his name forward.

The prime minister's support for Madeleine Meilleur fails non-partisan smell test, writes Hébert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

This is Trudeau's first proposed appointment of an agent of Parliament. There are more to come; more than half the positions are filled on an interim basis. In some instances, as in the case of the chief electoral officer, the length of the hiatus is unprecedented. Marc Mayrand left his post five months ago after having given six months' notice. The government says the quest for a more arms-length merit-based process has been slowing things down. But there is little that is arm's length in the process described by both Meilleur and Joly's office. Based on their accounts, the only feature that is more transparent than ever is the wall that should stand between government officials and the selection of independent parliamentary watchdogs.

The opposition parties have not signed off on the nomination. They have complained to the Speaker that the prime minister ignored his legal obligation to consult them prior to the announcement.

If and when Meilleur's name is put to a vote in the Commons, her appointment might only carry because the Liberals hold a majority. Under that scenario, things could get difficult in the Senate. Some independent senators may balk at vetting an appointment devoid of consensual support in the other house. It does not help that some of the associations that toil on the front of French-language rights have expressed concerns over the integrity of the process.

This comes at a time when the Liberal government has presented legislation that could clip the wings of the parliamentary budget officer. To say that there is widespread opposition suspicion that the Liberals, like their predecessors, like watchdogs best when they are on a leash is an understatement.

In the last election campaign, Trudeau accused Stephen Harper of having turned Parliament Hill into "a partisan swamp." He said he would clean it up. It is hard to reconcile that promise with an appointment that fails the non-partisan smell test.

Kid President Trump field tripping with glee

Vicky Mochama
Metro

The Donald is travelling the world. So far, the trip has proved that Trump may not be the youngest president but he certainly is it most childish.

It has been a successful trip insofar as he hasn't yet tickled the bottom of a major world leader or tried to rename the Vatican to Trump Church.

Joining hands with his mentors in despotism, Egyptian President el-Sissi and Saudi Arabia's King Salman, President Trump launched the Global Center for Combating Extremist Ideology. The Internet exploded with jokes based on three men standing in a dark room with their hands on a glowing ball. It's what the Internet was invented for.

Here's the thing though: It looks cool. It looks exactly like what any self-respecting child would imagine the presidency to be like.

After Saudi Arabia, the President's tour took him to Israel where, in a truly presidential manner, he managed not to casually reignite a catastrophic war between Israel and Palestine.

He took some pictures at the Western Wall and wrote in the guestbook at the Holocaust memorial. His message of hope: "IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF MY FRIENDS - SO AMAZING & WILL NEVER FORGET!"

Truly, he's going to have so much to talk about with all his friends when everyone gets back from summer camp.

Donald Trump, Kid President, is having a whammo-blammo time.

Take, for example, his trip to the Vatican: the photos show him grinning from ear to ear while Melania, Ivanka and the Pope stare deadpan ahead.

He must be ecstatic because the Vatican buildings are slightly less bedecked in gold than Trump Tower. Already he's winning.

Still, it wouldn't be a visit to church for the Kid President without being assigned some homework from Pope Franacis.

The pontiff gave Trump a copy of his encyclical on climate change as well as his 2017 World Day of Peace message entitled: Nonviolence - A Style of Politics for Peace. At their level of power and influence, this is the equivalent of being given, "When You Give A Mouse a Cookie."

Now that he's visited the homes of three major faiths – Saudi Arabia for Islam, Israel for Judaism, and the Vatican for Catholicism – his itinerary takes him to two more centres of faith: Belgium for Bread and Italy for Pasta.

Carbs may not be a religious faith for all, but they certainly are for me.

For his first major foreign trip, it's been a whirlwind. Nine straight days without at least two visits to Mar-A-Lago.

Poor Kid President. He must be exhausted.

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“Our collective existence — the solid core of my world, my family — is due to my mom’s fortitude.
Vicky Mochama

Left: Vicky and her mother Agnes visit the apartment where the family lived together after moving to Canada from Kenya. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO **Top:** Mother and daughter reunited at the airport in 1994 after a year apart. CONTRIBUTED

How I feel close to home?

I keep Kenya in my heart by keeping it on my feet. Every summer, I put on a new pair of beaded sandals that someone transports from Kenya. I transport myself around the city I’m in now with shoes from where my past lies.

Origin Stories: Becoming an ordinary family in extraordinary days

I was five years old when I touched down at Toronto’s Pearson airport in November 1994. The plan: Experience Canada for a bit, then go back to Kenya.

We’ve been here for 23 years.

Our story is extraordinary in its ordinariness. In the apartment buildings where we spent our early years, there were hundreds more families exactly like us, before and after our tenure.

The promise of education and prosperity kept my family here. For others the choices weren’t as ambitious; home was less a place to return to and more of a hope to find.

Our extended stay started when my dad was awarded a scholarship to study in Canada for the second time. He’d come once before, alone, to the University of Manitoba. But on this journey, my mom accompanied him and then my three siblings and I followed one year later.

Not that I knew any of that at the time. Kids are an oblivious bunch. All I knew was it was very cold, but in exchange, I got a fabulous bright pink jacket. So, how bad could it be?

Winter was hard, but keeping food on the table was harder. The scholarship provided just enough to cover rent.

“There was no support for families,” says my dad. “You were on your own.”

Nearly 90 per cent of the scholarship money went to a two-bedroom apartment in 30 Charles St., a concrete skyscraper just south of Bloor Street in downtown Toronto. Across the street stands 35 Charles, its doppelganger building where we made yet more friends and found family.

Inside these buildings, the diversity of the academy was on display as students from around the world packed into the towers. Coming home from school, the hallways always smelled of faraway homes.

Together, neighbours shared tips on how to get a library card and where to buy cheap fruits and vegetables. The building pulsed with the energy of students and their families as they tried to make functioning lives in Toronto. In our building’s Free Room, we dug out the appliances and furniture from the homes of now-departed tenants to make our new home.

The change in our physical reality also came with big changes to our family reality. My mother’s late nights and early mornings left my dad — a mathematician of towering intellect — as the cook and hairdresser of three girls. It is not his strongest domestic skill.

My sister was a regular torment. My father, the PhD student, would frequently tie her hair tightly and warn her not to loosen it. She’d return from school sans hair tie with a head full of playground sand.

The money for food, television, and six winter jackets came from my mother. In Kenya, her job as a senior education administrator included her own driver.

In Canada, she took the subway to job after job — homecare, book sales, worm-picking — where the only perk was taking home a paycheque. (Except for book sales, which occasionally netted a free novel or two for the shy, bookish, frequent-crier in her life a.k.a. me.)

She found jobs that were physically taxing and unthanking. She sought out the government programs that allowed us to thrive: Friends pointed her to a subsidized summer camp at the 519 Community Centre in Toronto’s Gay Village. She reached to a community that fed us, located opportunities that entertained us and did the work that sustained us. While my dad’s education was the reason we were in Canada, it was my mother’s resourcefulness that allowed us to survive.

Our collective existence — the solid core of my world, my family — is due to my mom’s fortitude. I was a child. To quote Robert Hayden, “What did I know of love’s austere and lonely offices?”

That I know men can be pushed past their traditions and masculinity is because of my dad.

Those years seem really far away now. We’ve settled in. Now, when I return to Canada from travelling, it’s like flopping onto a well-worn couch at home.

I hope, however, to never forget that my ease was put together by grit and adversity and all the things that make good life worthwhile. It was in those extraordinary days that we became an ordinary family — loving, selfless and united.

Vicky Mochama is Metro’s national columnist. She appears every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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TECHNOLOGY

Selfie-stick inventor is not so impressed by new gadgets

Genna Buck
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Dawn of the selfie drone

Now just make sure it gets your good side: The ROVA selfie drone is operated through an app on your phone that acts like a joystick. COURTESY IOT GROUP

When selfie-stick mania hit, the tech scolds were out in full force.

"The Selfie Stick: Perfect accoutrement for the digital narcissist," Psychology Today screamed. "Why the selfie stick must die," whined CNN.com.

But selfie technology has moved on since the bad old days of early 2015. Sticks are passé. Selfie drones are where it's at.

Camera-equipped flying robots allow people to capture photos and videos from incredible angles previously impossible unless you had access to a helicopter. And they're getting lighter and cheaper, with Best Buy about to sell ROVA from Australia-based startup IoT Group for $399 in June. It's controlled by a smartphone app. At CES tech trade show in January, Consumer Reports proclaimed "Selfie drones are about to enter our lives in a big way" after 39 exhibitors showed off their wares. VentureBeat reports sales are expected to hit 3.4 million units this year,

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STEER CLEAR OF LEGAL TROUBLE

Three ways selfie-drone operators could crash-land into legal trouble, according to University of Western Ontario law professor Kristen Thomasen:

1. Aviation rules. An interim order from Transport Canada says you can't fly a drone within 75 metres of a building, higher than 90 metres in the air, or within nine kilometres of an airport or helipad.

2. Liability. You could be held responsible if you injure people or property with a drone.

3. Privacy concerns. Using a drone to peep into windows or otherwise spy on private property is obviously illegal and super creepy. But "in public space it's a little less clear what kind of legal protections drone operators run up against," Thomasen said.

What might be more important, she added, is being "very responsible and aware" of how drones make people feel.

according to the Consumer Technology Association.

Last week, a camera drone halted a baseball game in San Diego and the operator is facing a $1,437 fine after he lost control of the device.

Selfie drones (really, camera drones — you can point them at anything) are already transforming how wedding photographers and real estate agents work. Snowboarders are programming drones to follow them around.

But if you're a hater, selfie drones are another devil's instrument, with all the same evils as a selfie stick, except noisier and with even more potential to take someone's eye out.

WE TRIED IT

After ten minutes of fiddling and two crash-landings, our tech-testers concluded that the ROVA is a fun toy but not for tech-dunces.

Could this really be the big tech craze of summer 2017?

One person who has quite a few thoughts about that is Wayne Fromm, the Canadian inventor of the selfie stick (trade name: Quick Pod). He said "picture taking as a pursuit is only going to grow."

But he sees the trend moving towards smaller, lighter and less obtrusive devices; the opposite of drones. He expects the many museums, events and public places that banned selfie sticks to take a hard line on drones too.

Fromm, who has also invented toys for Crayola and Disney and crafted the marketing campaign behind the '90s toy fad Crazy Bones, said he has a feel for which new products are going to take off and which won't — and he's not too enthusiastic about selfie drones.

"I'm a gadget guy. I love electronics. And I don't see it, for the average person," he said, adding there's "room for all sorts" of photography accessories in the market and he doesn't see drones encroaching on his business.

Kristen Thomasen, a University of Western Ontario law professor who focuses on the legal aspects of robots and drones, also isn't panicking about a drone-pocalypse.

"Will everybody at the Kentucky Derby have a drone? If that's ever going to happen, it's a long way off," she said.

"We're good at reining in technology as society. You can't just drive a car anywhere. I'm not as concerned that everybody is going to have a drone all over the place."

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MEET THE CONDO

Contemporary mid-rise condominiums

DETAILS

What: Stanton House
Builder/developer: Polygon
Designer: Rositch Hemphill Architects Inc.
Location: 607 Cottonwood Ave.
Building: Five-storey mid-rise
Models: One and two bedrooms
Sizes: Starting at 742 square feet
Pricing: From $509,900
Status: Selling
Occupancy: 2017
Sales centre: 607 Cottonwood Ave.
Phone: (604) 260-8446
Website: polyhomes.com/community/stanton-house

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Housing amenities

A collection of one and two-bedroom condos in Coquitlam next to Burquitlam SkyTrain Station and available for move-in this year. Featuring two buildings standing five stories tall, units start at 742 square feet with a starting price of $509,900.

Project overview

Suites feature spa-inspired bathrooms, a contemporary interior design, and nine-foot ceilings in the living and dining areas. Stay cool with the Low E, double glazed, thermally broken vinyl windows. Each unit has an outdoor deck, or patio for ground-floor homes.

In the neighbourhood

Bordering Burnaby and Coquitlam, Stanton House residents have access to the lush greenery Coquitlam and Burnaby Mountain offers. Lougheed Town Centre is one stop away on the skytrain, and the Vancouver Golf Club is within minutes of the development.

Location and transit

Burquitlam SkyTrain Station is 400 metres away, connecting residents to Coquitlam, Burnaby, and Port Moody. Transferring over to New West or Vancouver is easily accomplished at Lougheed Town Centre, which is a single stop away. Drivers can reach Metro Vancouver from North Road or Como Lake Avenue.

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Ryan Goins hit his first career grand slam, one of four homers for the Toronto Blue Jays in an 8-4 win over the Milwaukee Brewers

Lee: My best is yet to come

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Vancouver native primed to defend title for second time

Some 2-1/2 months after a successful first title defence, Vancouver-born MMA fighter Angela Lee puts her One Championship atomweight crown on the line Friday in Singapore against Brazilian kickboxer Istela Nunes.

The clash between Lee (7-0-0) and Nunes (5-0-0) is the main event of "One: Dynasty of Heroes" at the Singapore Indoor Stadium.

"I know she's coming into this fight confident and hungry to take my belt. But that's not going to happen," Lee said from Singapore. "I'm looking to put on a display of my skills."

Lee, 20, became the promotion's inaugural 105-pound champion with a unanimous five-round decision over Japanese veteran Mei Yamaguchi in Singapore in May 2016.

The 24-year-old Nunes, a two-time Muay Thai world champion, claimed a three-round split decision over Yamaguchi last August.

Last time out, Lee showed off her striking in a third-round stoppage of Taiwan's Jenny Huang on March 11 in Bangkok. The fight was stopped with Lee astride a face-down Huang, raining down blows.

Lee says she has plenty left in her arsenal.

"Definitely there's so much more to come," she said. "That's why I'm very excited because you guys haven't seen the best yet."

> **I'm looking to put on a display of my skills.**

Angela Lee has a flawless record of 7-0-0. ROSLAN RAHMAN/AFP/ GETTY IMAGES

Lee lived in Vancouver and elsewhere in Canada until she was seven, when her family moved to Hawaii. She divides her training these days between the family gym on the island of Oahu and Evolve MMA in Singapore.

She grew up surrounded by martial arts. Father Ken and mother Jewelz are decorated martial artists who teach at their United MMA gym in Waipahu, where Angela and brother Christian are also instructors.

Ken was born in Singapore and Jewelz in South Korea.

Since winning her title, Lee says she has constantly been on the move.

"I've never travelled this much in my life before but I've always been a fan of flying and visiting new places so I'm really enjoying that," she said.

Lee also feels like she is flying the flag for women fighters.

"Especially because One Championship is huge, especially in this half of the world, and me being their first female champion, I do feel like I take sort of that ambassador role and I'm happy to kind of be that role model where I can help to grow the sport here in Asia."

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IN BRIEF

Man United captures Europa League title

Manchester United gave its grieving home city a moment to cheer by winning the Europa League on Wednesday, beating Ajax 2-0 in the final thanks to goals by Paul Pogba and Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

The win earned United the bonus prize of a place in next season's Champions League. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiger Woods: 'I haven't felt this good in years'

Tiger Woods said he had fusion surgery on his back in April because he could no longer tolerate the pain, and that he wants to get back on the PGA Tour.

"I haven't felt this good in years," he said Wednesday in an update on his website.

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More homes for families in Vancouver

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With the average cost of a single-family detached home in East Vancouver now hovering around $1.5 million, many families are looking to the condo market to find an affordable home.

Now a landmark new condo tower in Vancouver will be offering many more possibilities for the region's families. JOYCE is a 30-storey residential tower by renowned city builder Westbank to be built beside the Joyce SkyTrain Station.

Westbank has created some of the City's most beautiful buildings including the Fairmont Pacific Rim, TELUS Garden, Shangri-la, Shaw Tower, and Woodward's.

Once it's complete, JOYCE will offer one of the highest percentages of family homes of any new development in Vancouver — more than 65 per cent of the project will be two- and three-bedroom family homes.

"Our goal was to provide more housing for families looking to buy a place where they can grow," says Michael Braun, marketing and sales director for JOYCE by Westbank.

The suites at JOYCE come with stainless-steel Miele appliances from Germany, kitchen cabinetry from Italy, and high-quality porcelain flooring. For those who enjoy spending time outdoors or barbecuing, most homes at JOYCE will have generous balconies.

Joyce's high design and finishing standards mean that all residents can enjoy seamless, convenient living.

But it's not just the homes themselves that will be family-friendly — the whole project is designed with spaces for families to grow and thrive.

Instead of having privately-owned penthouses on the penthouse level, JOYCE will have a beautiful shared amenity space, exclusive for residents.

Families will be able to take full advantage of a learning and activity centre on the rooftop, which will include a library and eight different study rooms.

"Kids can go up there and have a quiet space to do their homework," says Braun, adding that the building will be bringing in a regular tutor every afternoon during the school year to help kids with their school work.

Those who play musical instruments will be able to practice in comfort in the soundproof music room.

And instead of buying a gym membership, residents can take full advantage of the rooftop gym.

The entire rooftop is dedicated to space with seating and urban agriculture for all residents to enjoy. Residents can take in the stunning views of the North Shore mountains, Burrard Inlet and the cityscape while learning, exercising, or lounging.

And the amenity lounge will be the perfect place to host your large get-togethers. It comes complete with a big screen TV, a large entertaining kitchen, seating area and dining room — designed for family fun.

Sales for JOYCE start on June 24. Register online to stay on top of news and updates.

Neighbourhood-changing condo tower for Joyce Station

A neighbourhood is much more than the sum of its buildings. Yet sometimes one or two special pieces of architecture can make a major impact on an area's personality.

JOYCE, a new residential tower set to be built at Joyce Station in Vancouver, is poised to become one such game-changer.

The architecture of Joyce is by Gregory Henriquez, the same architect who designed Westbank's iconic TELUS Garden and Woodward's buildings.

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Inspired by the beauty of a local creek, the balconies at JOYCE will be made of glass and arranged to look like a cascading stream.

Westbank has developed a reputation for creating buildings in Vancouver that enhance the beauty and character of their neighbourhoods.

The Shangri-La ignited the revitalization of Alberni Street in downtown Vancouver into Vancouver's premiere shopping and dining street. Shaw Tower and Fairmont Pacific Rim were part of the genesis of Coal Harbour, and the Fairmont Pacific Rim in many ways has become Vancouver's living room with its live music entertainment, fashion, and regular exhibitions.

Woodward's created a visually-dynamic anchor for creativity and innovation in Gastown mixing affordable housing, Simon Fraser University, non-profit space, new homes, and a gathering place into Vancouver's oldest neighbourhood.

Joyce Station is Westbank's next destination.

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A GROWING NEIGHBOURHOOD

The established Joyce-Collingwood neighbourhood community is blossoming into an important hub in Vancouver.

Thanks to the City of Vancouver's Joyce-Collingwood Station Precinct Plan, approved last year, the area is set to densify, creating more homes, better public spaces, and increasing opportunities for local businesses.

Residents at JOYCE will also have easy access to beautiful Central Park, as well as Collingwood Neighbourhood House, a community resource for people of all ages and backgrounds.

And the convenience of the SkyTrain for residents at Joyce cannot be overstated. As soon as you walk outside the main doors at Joyce, you're directly in the SkyTrain station.

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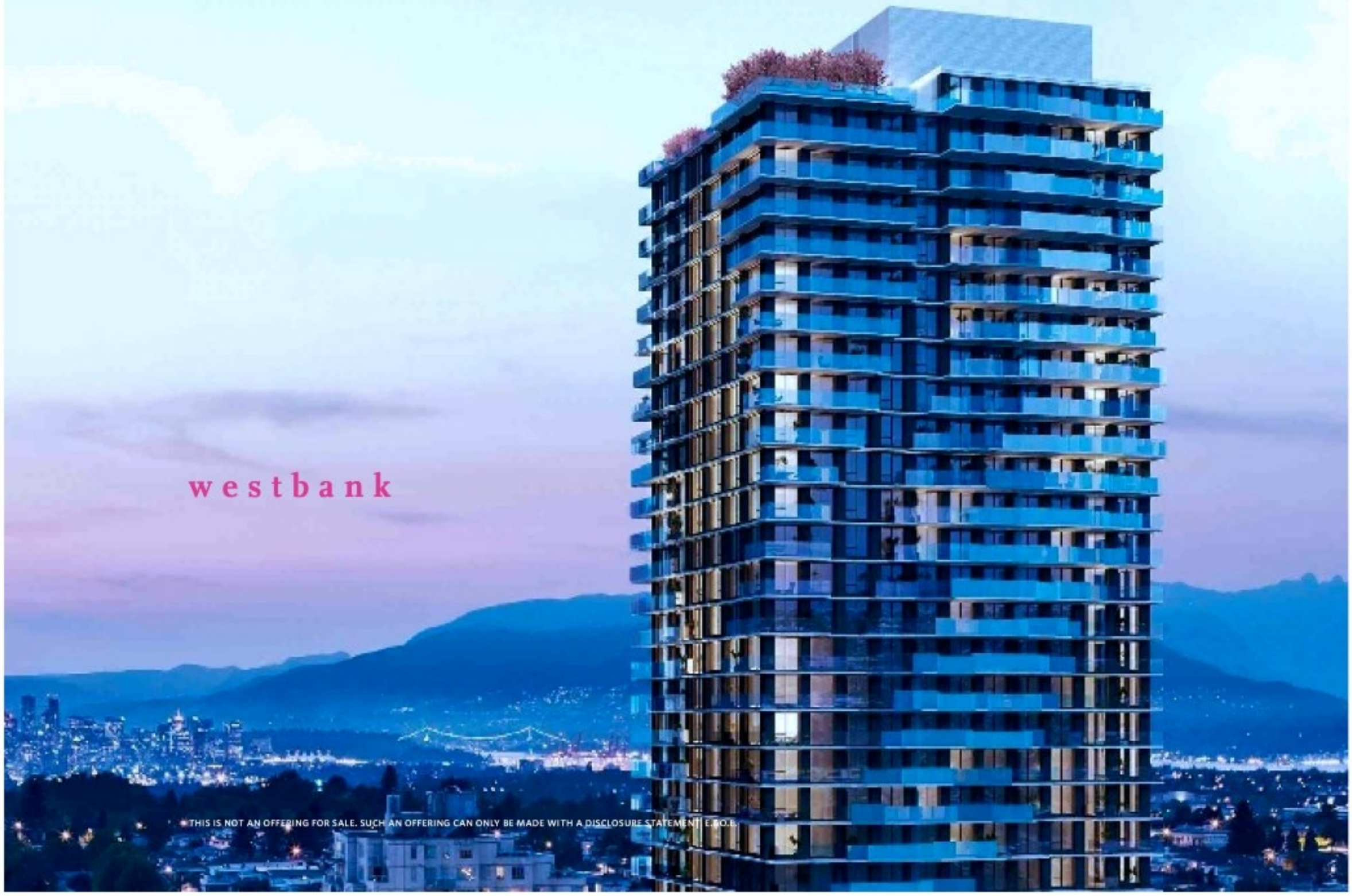

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The backyard has become a booming business as more focus has been put on extending a home's living space outside. Furniture, lighting, planters, outdoor area rugs and cooking accessories have flooded the market. Here are five things that can make your outdoor space a more welcoming place to be.

Fuel your summer fun: Toast your friends around a cozy fire pit on a starlit night with one of the many portable choices to be found in home and garden centres. From sleek, urban metal designs to rustic stone, fire pits come in myriad types, fueled by wood, liquid propane or natural gas. The Canyon Ridge model has a low-profile design with a granite tabletop and stainless burner. Includes lava rocks, and can be converted to natural gas. Find it at Lowes for $599.

Play outdoors: Playing outside is one of summer's greatest pleasures when you're a kid. It's even better when you've got an awesome play structure right in your own backyard. The Big Backyard Sunview wooden play centre has plenty of play value, with swings, rock climbing, a wave slide, shaded play deck and a sandbox. The cedar structure is pre-cut, drilled and stained with child-safe resin. About $500 at Canadian Tire.

Enjoy outdoor comfort: Nothing makes your outdoor space feel like a real living space than the same comforts you find indoors. Bright and weather-resistant area rugs and cushioned furniture make curling up with a book or settling in with a glass of wine feel like fresh-air luxury. Ikea has a range of colourful outdoor accessories that provide a pop of colour to your space. We like the funky geometric print of the Grenō pillow, with removable, washable cover. $9.99 at Ikea.

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Sleep in the sun: Patio furniture can make or break your outdoor living experience. Luckily there are more choices than ever, and lots of clever, comfortable pieces that can build great conversation areas or help you create the ultimate outdoor oasis. Consider an outdoor patio daybed to curl up with a book or canoodle with your boo. The Convene outdoor patio daybed comes with a canopy to shade you from the sun, and comfortable cushions in an array of colours. $1,840 on wayfair.ca.

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BC Hydro offers limited-time rebate on appliances

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1 tablespoon chopped cilantro

Directions

1. In a medium bowl, roughly mash your avocados with a fork. Mix in the lime juice, edamame and salt. Then stir in the onion, garlic and cilantro. Taste and add more salt or cilantro depending on personal preference. You can also add a hit of Tabasco sauce if you like your guac with a little heat.

2. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, pressed down into the bowl against the guacamole (to prevent browning) and place it in the refrigerator. Chill for an hour and serve with your favourite chips or snack crackers.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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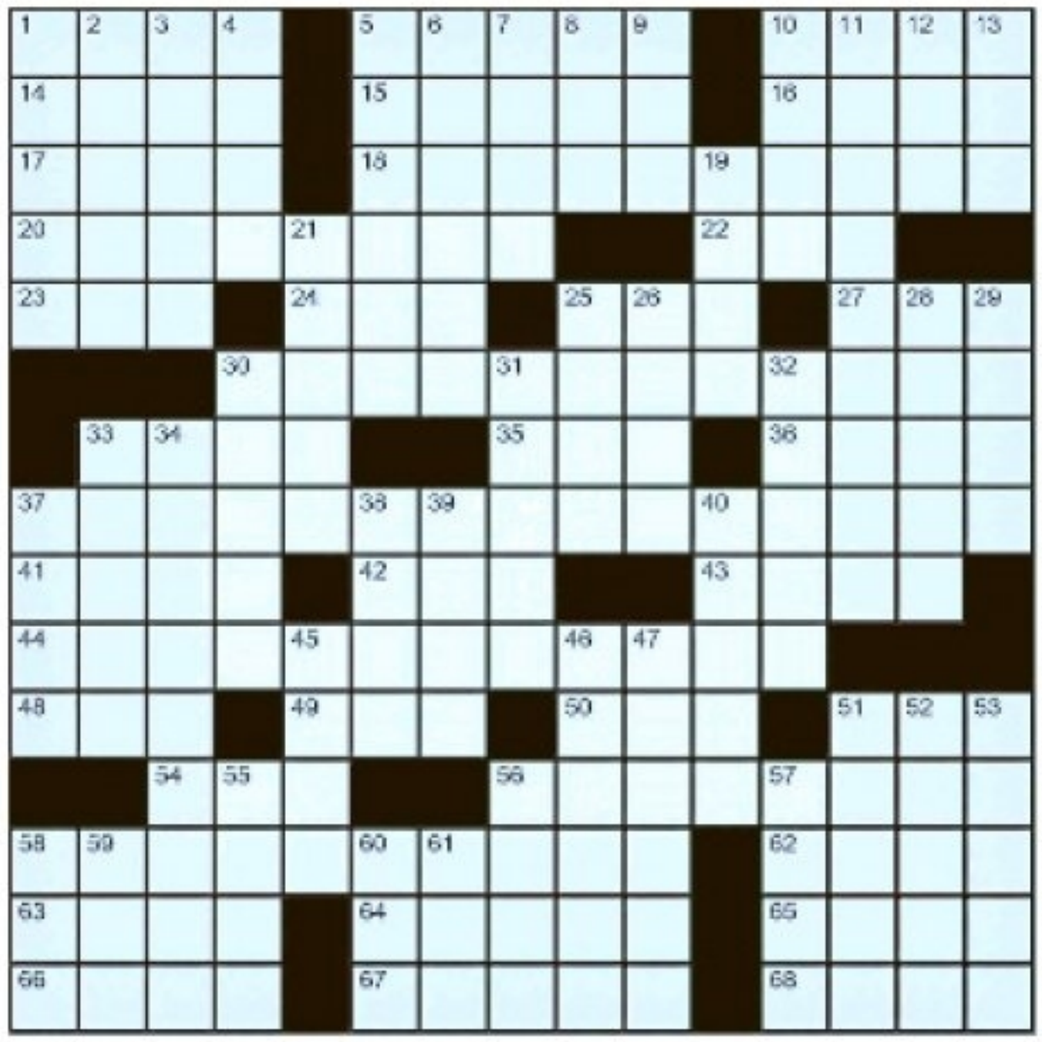

ACROSS
1. Talks
5. Soaked soil state
10. Isolated
14. Competent
15. Sleep _
16. Australian gem
17. Ms. Perlman
18. Competitors jump hurdles to get to them: 2 wds.
20. Tortilla chips brand
22. Have
23. Timecard abbrs.
24. "Give __ few days." (I'll get back to you)
25. CEO's degree
27. "Fee! _! Foe! Fum!"
30. Character in Peanuts, the comic brand which Halifax-based company DHX Media just purchased a majority stake in: 2 wds.
33. "_ _ is me!"
35. Baffin, e.g.
36. Port city of Algeria
37. The cute little yellow bird at #34-Down's perching spot: 2 wds.
41. "_, _ _." (That's fine then)
42. Ms. MacGraw
43. Ms. Stone
44. Cryptologists: 2 wds.
48. Ms. Tunstall, et al.
49. Ben-Hur author Mr. Wallace
50. Mr. Byrnes of "77 Sunset Strip"
51. Howe'er
54. Ms. Carrere
56. "That's the one to a T!" (Get that outfit!): 3 wds.
58. Crest or Colgate
62. Seasons for Mays, wee-ly
63. 701 in ancient Rome
64. Will, fancy-style
65. 'Luck' suffix (Most fortunate)
66. _ Fifth Avenue
67. Blackthorn fruits
68. Works with grass

DOWN
1. "Wayne's World" (1992) character
2. Really find repugnant
3. Sanctify
4. Musical chairs goal
5. "Goin' Gone" country singer Kathy
6. Tumult
7. Forensic IDs
8. Calendar ender [abbr.]
9. Wild ox
10. Marcus _ (MGM co-founder)
11. Free-for-all discussion: 2 wds.
12. Ms. Imbruglia, to pals
13. Chicago trains
19. Biblical land
21. "That's cool with me.", retro-style: 2 wds.
25. Fermented soybean paste
26. Brussels is its cap.
28. "_ _ _ Teenage Werewolf" (1957)
29. -ette cousin
30. "Twistin' the Night Away" by Sam _
31. PBS celebrity chef Ms. Bastianich
32. Hotel reservation-ees
33. How the washing machine is set maybe, temperature-wise: 2 wds.
34. Southwestern Ontario city; or, Peanuts character
37. Usual missing laundry item
38. Lively
39. Oodles
40. Works as a Collie
45. Ho-hum
46. Kitchen whistler
47. Henry Ford's son's cars
51. Blood type, e.g.: wd. + letter
52. _ _'oeuvre
53. Boots
55. Medical-style suffix
56. Golfer Mr. Aoki
57. 'Psych' suffix
58. QB's feats
59. Wood sorrel
60. Initials-sharers of Art Garfunkel's partner
61. Calder Cup org.

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Examine your relationship with others today to see what needs to be changed. Relationships are never static and unchanging — it's quite the opposite.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something going on behind the scenes concerns you today. You might have an urge to improve things, or at least stop something from getting worse.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You want to improve your relationships with a friend or a group today, but you might not be sure how to do this. Why not start by being friendly?

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You want improve the appearance of something that matters to you. This is why you want people to listen to your ideas.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You want a change of scenery, and will move heaven and earth to make this happen, because you are so restless for a change. Even a short trip will please you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Romantic relationships are passionate and intense today. Because the intensity is so strong, the relationships actually are quite fragile. Something might make your feelings snap. (They are not stable.)

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Tread carefully when dealing with partners and close friends today, because people are feeling intense. They might go off the deep end and do or say something they will later regret. This includes you as well.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have strong ideas about how to make improvements where you work. You also have strong ideas about how to improve your health.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You're determined to have fun today, and you want everyone to join you. Lighten up so that things can develop naturally.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A discussion with someone about how to improve your home will please you today. You have specific ideas you want to put into action, and you want to do that now.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Look around you and see what you can do to improve your daily environment. Any improvement is a step in the right direction.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It's possible that you will think of new ways to earn money, or perhaps you'll get a better-paying job. You might even see ways to make money on the side. Yay!

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